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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present claims, in light of the attached claim clarifications and the Remarks, which follow, is respectfully requested.

Claims now before the Examiner are 1, 3-12, 15, and 17-48.

The numbering in this Response will follow that of the Examiner's Action.

1.-4. No response necessary.

Non-Compliance

5. The Reissue Oath/Declaration is stated to be defective for lack of a statement of at least one error upon which to support the Reissue Application. Applicants respectfully disagree with the holding. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Declaration which clearly states on page two the reason for the Reissue request. Withdrawal of the Rejection is respectfully requested.

6. The Preliminary Amendment filed originally lacked the proper notation of deleted material. The omission has been corrected. Withdrawal of the Rejection is respectfully requested.

7. The newly added claims are held to be incorrectly numbered. The original issued patent had 21 claims. The new claims start at 22 and in the Preliminary Amendment they were properly numbered. Withdrawal of the Rejection is respectfully requested.

8. No response necessary.

The claims are in condition for allowance.

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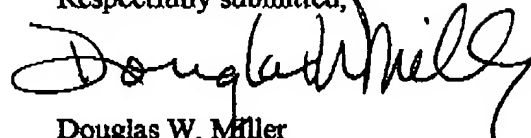
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